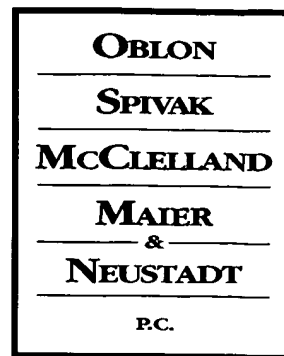




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In response to the Official Action mailed January 23, 2004, Applicants elect without traverse Group I, Claims 1-13 and 30-45, for further examination on the merits in the present application, wherein Claims 1-13 and 30-45 are drawn to an exposure apparatus, classified in class 355, subclass 53.

Therefore, examination on the merits of Claims 1-13 and 30-45 is believed to be in order, and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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